

IT IS DONE.

Council Committee on Finance
Practically Ends

ITS WORK OF APPROPRIATIONS

For the Various City Departments
for the Coming Year.

THE MAIN STREET STONE BRIDGE

Balance, which is in litigation, and will likely remain in that shape for some time, was called in order to bring available funds to the relief of the police and fire departments, which get what they asked for—estimated revenues raised to the extent of \$7,000—Committee's labors practically ended.

The council committee on finance, which has had the task of framing the city's annual appropriation ordinance before it, practically finished its work last night. When the committee met it was known that there were committee estimates to the amount of over \$80,000, which had to be cut to the extent of \$15,000, in order to come within the estimated revenues.

However, the tension was relieved right at the start of the session by the announcement from City Collector Hall, through Chairman Horkheimer, of the committee, that the estimate of tax receipts was too low, and on his prediction the committee raised the estimate \$8,000. City Clerk Watkins, too, said that the estimate for licenses had been raised \$1,000. This brought down the deficiency facing the committee, to something over \$8,000.

The committee proceeded with the work of acting on committee and department estimates, cutting some and delaying action on others temporarily. There was an effort to cut the fire department appropriation, but there was a general sentiment in favor of avoiding injuring the efficiency of this department at all hazards. Finally it was suggested that the amount set aside for the main street stone bridge balance be reduced from \$13,750 to \$8,000. This was done and the committee was able to pass the police and fire department estimates without slashing them.

At 11 o'clock the committee adjourned. Another meeting will be held before council meets at which the ten-cent levy fund will be distributed in the several wards. This work will not consume a great deal of time and can be accomplished without much friction.

The committee was called to order at 8 p. m. by Chairman Horkheimer. Messrs. Megall, Chew, Berry, Nesbitt and Davidson, of the committee, were present. Chairman Horkheimer informed the committee he had called in Messrs. Schumacher, Van Keuren and McCoy, of the board of public works. To these gentlemen, the chairman stated the committee could not see its way clear to give the board more than \$37,000. Clerk Watkins claimed the expenditures for 1896 were more than the amount appropriated. The board had spent \$23,000 on the ten-cent levy while only \$21,000 was realized in that fund. On this year's business \$4,000 had been expended for work that was done in 1896. Clerk Horkniss said such a precedent had been established by a board of several years ago. Continuing, Clerk Horkniss cited instances where the board had had to face unusual conditions.

Mr. Schumacher said the board wanted every dollar coming to it, for there are uses for it. It was expected, said Mr. Van Keuren, to ask for \$2,000 to repair the Market street bridge. The ten-cent levy had fallen short in 1896, said the city clerk, because the collection of taxes was not good. Mayor Butts said the trouble was the collector had not done his duty. Several members of the committee hastened to come to the defense of the collector, who was shown to have done as well as was possible under the circumstances—many people were unable to pay their taxes.

Clerk Horkniss, of the board of public works, said \$14,500 per year had been provided for four years for labor alone. The streets are in very bad shape and much money must be spent for repairs. He contended for a liberal appropriation for the board of public works.

Chairman Horkheimer said he had been told by City Collector Hall that the estimate of \$110,000 for the fifty-cent levy is too low; the collector believed \$115,000 could be raised, taking his collections thus far as a basis. It was therefore decided to increase this item of the estimated revenue to \$115,000, and the ten-cent levy from \$22,000 to \$25,000. This increased the estimated revenue \$6,000, and brought the difference between expenditures and revenues from \$15,000 to \$9,000. In this connection Clerk Watkins said he could increase the estimate on licenses from \$40,500 to \$41,500, reducing the deficiency to \$8,000 in round figures. This brought up the estimated revenue to \$113,525.33.

It was suggested that payment of bonds of the loan of 1877 be discontinued this year, so that relief could be had in the present emergency. Cancelled bonds and the city ordinance on the subject were brought out to see whether this course could be pursued. Clerk Watkins showed \$75,500 had been paid on this loan in ten years, while the ordinance calls for the payment of only \$60,000, leaving the city \$15,500 ahead. It was thought questionable whether council could discontinue drawing bonds on this loan. Finally the matter was dropped without action.

Then the matter of appropriations was taken up, and the rearranged list of anticipated revenue was submitted as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Water board (with balance).....	\$101,625.29
Taxes.....	26,900.00
10-cent levy.....	\$115,000.00
5-cent levy.....	22,000.00
Sale of cemetery lots.....	4,200.00
Rent of city property.....	500.00
Railroad taxes.....	4,200.00
Main street stone bridge.....	7,432.61
Balance, contingent fund.....	1,916.77
Balance, 10-cent levy fund.....	121.49
Board of public works.....	3,200.00
Street paving.....	2,200.00
Fines and fees.....	5,700.00
Markets.....	10,000.00
Scales and weighing.....	1,400.00
Wharfage.....	700.00
Total receipts (estimated).....	\$412,625.29

APPROPRIATIONS ASKED.	
Water board.....	\$101,625.29
Gas board.....	107,000.00
Fire department.....	2,000.00
Police department.....	2,500.00
City clerk.....	5,217.24
Police department.....	2,500.00
Cemetery.....	1,710.75
Health.....	8,000.00
Scales.....	600.00
Fire department.....	12,750.00
Main street bridge.....	8,000.00
B. P. W. (contingent fund).....	17,000.00
B. P. W. (10-cent levy fund).....	20,000.00
Total expenditures (estimated).....	\$425,675.23

Appropriations were then taken up where the subject was left at the last meeting of the committee. The matter of the board of public works appropriations first came up and the contingent fund was placed at \$17,000. The question of the ten-cent levy fund was then discussed; this is now estimated at \$22,000, but it was proposed to limit the board of public works to \$30,000, so as to leave \$2,000 for taking up back orders. A motion by Mr. Davidson allowing the board \$20,000 from the ten-cent levy fund, and appropriating the excess, whatever it may prove to be, for the taking up of outstanding orders, was passed. Next came the fire department. Before it was taken up a recapitulation was

made, showing the sum already appropriated to be \$339,257.19, leaving \$74,368.10 to be appropriated, with the several departments calling for \$82,457.91, a shortage of \$8,118.61, the amount to be scaled on the estimates of the several departments.

Mr. Nesbitt moved that the fire department be given what it calls for, \$26,217.16. Every cent is needed, said Mr. Nesbitt. First it was decided to go over the items of the estimate. Mr. Davidson thought it ridiculous to entertain Mr. Nesbitt's motion, calling for an appropriation \$3,000 more than the expenditures of last year. Clerk Watkins called attention to the fact that \$1,200 must be spent for new hose. The sentiment was that as an \$8,000 deficiency is in evidence, there must be cutting all along the line. Chief Klieve was called for and in the meantime the markets department estimates were taken up.

Mr. Ebeling moved that \$2,400 be appropriated. The committee's estimate is \$3,000. Mr. Berry thought every cent asked for should be given. Mr. Nesbitt moved that \$2,000 be given the committee. Mr. Chew wanted the matter laid over, until the city solicitor's opinion on the 1877 loan could be had. Mr. Chew's motion was defeated. Mr. Ebeling thought his motion should prevail; the only item eliminated would be \$600 for contingent expenses. A vote was taken on the Nesbitt amendment calling for an appropriation of \$3,000, which was defeated, 4 to 3. The Ebeling motion for an appropriation of \$2,400, was then passed, 4 to 3.

Fire Chief Klieve having appeared, the fire department estimate was taken up. The chief said the electric alarm apparatus is in a deplorable condition and should be remedied; other portions of the department were found by the new chief to be in bad shape. Chairman Horkheimer asked how much less the department could get along with in safety. The chief did not think the estimate could be reduced without injuring the efficiency of the department.

Mr. Berry called attention to the fact that taking salaries out there are estimates of \$13,000, which are to be cut almost to the extent of \$8,000.

Mr. Nesbitt's motion to appropriate the amount asked, was renewed, but Mr. Davidson moved that the department be passed over for this time. Then there was a disjointed discussion on the situation in general without result. Mr. Davidson's motion was then put and passed.

Then the real estate estimate was taken up. The estimate was \$2,500. Clerk Watkins said over \$600 had already been paid out. Mr. Davidson kicked. Last year's expenditures amounted only to \$1,700. Mr. Davidson's motion that the committee be allowed \$1,750, was passed without opposition.

The police department's estimate of \$26,820, was next taken up. Mr. Davidson said this was the only department which has limited its estimate to last year's expenditures; the only one that has shown an appreciation of the financial condition of the city. An extra expenditure—the ambulance—is to be cared for, too. Concluding, he moved that the amount of the estimate be approved.

Mr. Nesbitt moved that the police department estimate be passed for the present. The latter motion was defeated. Mr. Davidson's motion, of appropriating the amount estimated, passed with but one dissenting vote.

Then the city prison estimate came up; its amount was \$3,600. The full amount was allowed.

At this point the necessity for brooms in the market houses was brought up and the market committee's appropriation was increased from \$2,400 to \$2,600.

The cemetery committee asked for \$1,710.75. The several items were discussed at length and finally it was decided to appropriate \$1,500. It was \$190 for the cemetery proper, and \$250 for the sixteenth street park.

The health department asked for \$8,000. After scanning the expenditures last year, amounting to over \$10,700, it was seen this department could not do with less than \$8,000, and this amount was granted.

Then the fire department estimate was taken up again, all the other departments having been cared for. Mr. Davidson moved that the Main street stone bridge balance appropriation be reduced to \$8,000, and that the fire department be given \$35,154.17, only about \$50 less than was asked for.

This motion was passed without dissent. In balancing the appropriation sheet it was found there was a small unexpended balance which was added to the amount given the committee on markets. The final appropriation bill, as revised and approved by the committee, was as follows:

Departments.	Asked For.	Granted.
Water board.....	\$101,625.29	\$101,625.29
Gas board.....	107,000.00	98,000.00
City clerk.....	5,217.24	5,217.24
B. P. W. (contingent fund).....	17,000.00	17,000.00
B. P. W. (10-cent levy fund).....	20,000.00	20,000.00
Real estate.....	2,500.00	2,500.00
Police department.....	25,300.00	25,300.00
City prison.....	3,600.00	3,600.00
Health department.....	8,000.00	8,000.00
Scales.....	600.00	600.00
Fire department.....	35,154.17	35,154.17
Main street bridge.....	8,000.00	8,000.00
Totals.....	\$425,675.23	\$412,625.29
Estimated receipts.....		\$412,625.29

"FIRE INSPECTOR" COWIE.

Who was Mixed Up with Eaton in the Turner Fire, Sentenced to Serve a Term in the Illinois Penitentiary.

It will be remembered that just after the Turner building fire, for complicity in which William Eaton is now held here, an alleged "fire inspector" F. G. Cowie did secure money paid by insurance companies to the Central Trading Company, of Huntington, after their "queer" fire, and turned half of it over to the Wheeling agent. From the following, printed in Sunday's Chicago Times-Herald, it can be seen Mr. Cowie is in the clutches of the law:

Ex-Fire Inspector Fred G. Cowie is to go to the same penitentiary to which he has been instrumental in sending several other men whom the authorities now believe to have been innocent. A jury in Judge Smith's court yesterday afternoon found Cowie guilty of kidnapping Bernard H. Hoefler, and fixed his punishment at imprisonment in the penitentiary. William Alexander, tried with Cowie, was found not guilty. Cowie was astounded at this verdict and gazed at the jury in amazement.

Mr. Cowie, the prisoner's wife, was affected to tears. Assistant State Attorney Henry C. Brown, who prosecuted the case, told the jury that he believed that Alexander had simply been Cowie's man Friday—"a tool in the hands of a clever and unscrupulous man"—and he urged the jury not to let Cowie escape.

August 17, 1895, Cowie kidnapped Bernard H. Hoefler, a cabinet maker at 630 Jefferson street and took him to Kenosha, Wis. Hoefler was charged with being one of the eight men accused of setting fire to the Chicago Bedding Company's plant at Kenosha, causing a loss of \$40,000. Cowie was instrumental in sending half a dozen men to the Wisconsin penitentiary for the Kenosha fire, and an effort will now be made, it is said, to get them out on the ground that the evidence against which they were convicted was manufactured by Cowie.

TWO years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brook, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At that time the goods were unknown in this section. I sold a Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a household word." It is the same in hundreds of communities. Wherever the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy become known the people will have nothing else. For sale by druggists.

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A HOT FIGHT

Being Waged by Rivermen Against
a 500-Foot Span

FOR THE NEW BELLAIRE BRIDGE.

The Claim is Made that in the 2,400 Feet of Space that will Separate the New Bridge from the Railroad Bridge, it would be impossible to navigate a coal tow—coal men are now pressing their case before the War Department.

The river coal men and most of the packet people are waging a bitter warfare against the proposed Bellaire and Benwood bridge project—at least on the plans which have been adopted by the bridge company and submitted to the board of government engineers recently at their session in Bellaire.

According to the plans of the bridge company the new bridge will cross the Ohio river about 2,400 feet above the present Bellaire bridge. The plan calls for a channel span of 500 feet, which the boat men say will make it impossible at certain stages of the river to navigate a coal tow between the two bridges. The tow, it is claimed, could not be flanked in the limited distance between the two bridges with such a narrow span, say the river people, tows could be handled with safety.

Some of the river people are very bitter over the testimony given at the session of the engineers by some of the small packet steamboatmen, who stated that a 500 foot span would be sufficient. These men, it is said, know nothing about the handling of tows of coal the important class of river traffic, and their testimony should not be worth consideration.

The engineers have made their report to Secretary of War Alger, but there is no information at hand relative to the recommendation they have made regarding the proper width of the channel span. The river coal men, headed by Colonel John P. Dray, of Pittsburgh, have been at Washington and they laid their case before the ranking engineer, officer of the army and at the war department. They anticipate that the secretary will order a span not less than 900 feet in width.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Parkersburg-BEN HUR, 9 p. m.
Sistersville-RUTH, 2:30 p. m.
Clarksburg-LEROY, 5:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.
Cincinnati-KEYSTONE STATE, 8 a. m.
Pittsburgh-HUDSON, 4 a. m.
Parkersburg-ANGAD, 4 a. m.
Matamoras-LEXINGTON, 11 a. m.
Sistersville-LEROY, 3:30 p. m.
Clarksburg-LEROY, 5:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.
Charleston-KANAWHA, 6:30 a. m.
Pittsburgh-BEN HUR, 4 p. m.
Clarksburg-LEROY, 5:30 p. m.
Pittsburgh-LEROY, 5:30 p. m.
Pittsburgh-LORENA, midnight.

Along the Landing.
The marks at 6 p. m., showed 12 feet 3 inches and falling. Weather clear and warm.

The following boats passed down with coal yesterday: Rescue and Defender, 10 a. m., Advance and Relief, 11 a. m., James Moren and Maggie, noon. The Tom Dodsword passed up with empties at 7 a. m. yesterday.

Captain Mack Gamble, once active in the upper river packet trades, has his new boat, the W. J. Cummins at Market street. It is not yet known into what trade he will enter here, but Wheeling will probably be one of her terminal ports.

River Telegrams.

GREENSBORO—River 9 feet 5 inches and falling. Weather clear and cool. The James G. Blaine is due up and down on Tuesday.

MORGANTOWN—River 9 feet 9 inches and falling. Weather cloudy and cold.

OIL CITY—River 3 feet 8 inches and stationary. Weather cloudy and cold.

PITTSBURGH—River 8.9 feet and falling at the dam. Clear and cool.

STEBENVILLE—River 11 feet 9 inches and falling; weather clear and cool. Passed down—The John Moren, Defender, Maggie, Relief, Jim Wood, Wilmont, Ben Hur, Keystone State, Passed up—The Rescue, Tom Dodsword, Ruth.

PARKERSBURG—The Ohio river is 16 feet 8 inches and falling. Weather, cloudy. Mercury at 43. High winds. Passed up—The Argand, Hudson, Base, Comet, the Valley Belle, The Little Kanawha is falling. Locals on time.

AMUSEMENTS.

In "Cavalleria Rusticana," which will be from part of the performance to be given on Thursday evening at the Opera by the DePasquall Grand Opera Company, there is a duet in which Santuzza makes a passionate appeal to Turiddu not to forsake her, which is one of the most thrilling scenes in the Grand Opera. It never fails to awaken the enthusiasm of an audience.

The plot of Mascagni's great opera is as follows: Santuzza, a village girl, enters and calls Lucia from her inn to ask for her son, Turiddu, a soldier who has wronged the maiden. The mother cannot wish to speak to her, but Santuzza implores her to listen. Then, Alfio, a teamster, enters, sings the "Carrier's Song" and orders wine, but is told Turiddu has gone to another town for a supply which Alfio denies, saying he has been seen near his, Alfio's cottage. Telling them to go to church, Alfio leaves them. Santuzza tells Turiddu she then tells Lucia that before Turiddu went to the war he pledged himself to her, but on his return, finding Lucia married to Alfio, he wins the affections of herself, Santuzza whom he wrongs, and that now he is again in love with Lucia. Lucia retires into the church and Turiddu enters. Santuzza accuses him of having committed adultery, when the latter is heard singing, and joins them, afterwards entering the church. Santuzza now makes a passionate appeal to Turiddu not to forsake her, but he repulses her and throws her down. Alfio entering, she tells him of Turiddu's intimacy with his wife, at which Alfio swears he will have revenge upon the guilty couple. Then, Alfio, while the stage is empty the music of the exquisite Intermezzo is heard. At its conclusion Lucia and Turiddu enter. He tells her to await her husband here, and sings a drinking song, in which she joins him, in the midst of which Alfio enters and is offered a cup of wine by Turiddu, which he scornfully refuses.

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and there is no doubt but what the capacity of the house will be fully tested. Among the soloists on the programme are such favorites as Miss Mamie Grubb, Prof. Hornholdt, Charles Zulauf, H. B. Grimm, with Prof. Schackey as accompanist. Besides these equally interesting will be the vested choir of St. Matthew's church, Opera House orchestra and the Ariel mandolin and guitar quartette.

The Flints.

Judging by the audience which assembled at the Grand Opera House last night, and the degree of interest which was manifested in the entertainment, it is probable that the Flints will duplicate the remarkable success of their first engagement in this city last season. The entertainment is even more interesting than before, several new features having been added. The ten minutes' talk by Professor Flint, was entertaining and instructive. He called for volunteers and there was a good response from the audience. The young men on the stage were personally known to those in the audience, thereby removing all suspicion of confederacy, and the audience alternately laughed and applauded throughout the evening. Miss Marina Flint made a pronounced hit. Miss Ada St. Clair, the phenomenal contralto, sang several selections very sweetly, and the song, "Stone over loved you more than I," which was illustrated with the hyposcope, fairly brought down the house. The Flints will remain all this week at the Grand, and the programme will be changed each night.

W. & J. Glee Club.

Of the Washington-Jefferson Glee Club, soon to appear here, the Pittsburgh Leader says: A large and fashionably attired audience greeted the Washington and Jefferson Glee, Mandolin and Banjo clubs at Carnegie hall, Braddock last Thursday night, the occasion being the benefit of the Ladies' Hospital association, of Braddock. Never before has that city seen such a fine audience, the ladies and gentlemen nearly all appearing in full evening dress, with the additional beauty of splendid coiffures, the ladies having removed their hats and bonnets, and all appearing in their choicest gowns, making the hall a scene of beautiful combinations of colors. Whilst the performance of the Mandolin and Banjo clubs were excellent, the preference of the listeners was bestowed on the Glee club, whose singing was excellent.

Dr. Yost's Funeral.

The funeral of Dr. E. B. Yost, of Warrenton, whose death was chronicled yesterday, will occur at Warrenton cemetery to-day, at noon. A large concourse of friends will attend, as the doctor was one of the most widely known and respected physicians in Eastern Ohio.

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FEDERATION OF LABOR

Meeting of the Executive Council at Washington—Called on the President.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—An important meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor is being held in this city at Federation headquarters. The following named members of the council are in attendance:

President Samuel Gompers, First Vice President P. J. McGuire, Second Vice President James Maguire, Third Vice President James O'Connell, Fourth Vice President M. M. Garland, Treasurer John B. Lannon and Secretary Frank Morrison.

The books are reported in excellent condition and the finances and membership of the association flourishing.

By previous arrangement the executive council called upon President McKinley at the white house, where a conference was held, lasting an hour.